

News Notes



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News



Thurber in the House, through September 6, Thurber Center, 91 Jefferson Avenue, daily, 1-4 p.m.: Thurber House is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, making it an appropriate time to invite James Thurber back for a visit. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Library (RBMS) at The Ohio State University has done exactly that.

"Thurber in the House," an exhibit of his cartooning art, focuses on some of Thurber's favorite subjects: men, women, sex and dogs. The RBMS collection of 29 archival quality facsimiles are now on display at the Thurber Center.

"We're proud to be a contributor to the anniversary celebration," said Geoffrey Smith, Ph.D, Professor and Head, RBMS. "Our partnership with Thurber House has become a tradition of frequent collaborations during this past quarter century. With the Thurber Humor Prize and its concomitant programs of visiting authors, literary picnics, children are writing workshops and more, Thurber House accentuates the Thurber legacy and keeps his memory alive."

As described by Smith, RBMS is the historical repository for the scholarly study of Thurber, Columbus' and Ohio State's greatest literary product. In addition to multiple printings and editions of virtually every Thurber publication, the library also administers a Thurber literary archive of more than 20,000 manuscript and typescript leaves, nearly 500 original drawings, photographs, scrapbooks, sound recordings and assorted Thurberiana.



Visitors are asked to stop by the house first and a staff member or volunteer will take them to see the collection. For more information, visit thurberhouse.org or call 614-464-1032.

Staff Intranet Modified for Upcoming Moves: The Libraries' staff intranet site has been modified in order to provide information on the upcoming move into the Thompson Library, and the corresponding moves out of other facilities. Staff should check the intranet home page once or twice a day for current move information.

OSU Library Labs Up and Running: The Ohio State University Libraries is pleased to announce the recent launching of OSU Library Labs (<http://library.osu.edu/blogs/labs/>).

The goal of the OSU Library Labs is to showcase experimental and emerging technologies that facilitate access to information, resources, and services. It is where one can uncover the different ways in which University Libraries is extending its resources and services to where its customers are performing their research.

Many tools included in OSU Library Labs may be in 'beta' form or still under development. Many tools included in the OSU Library Labs may be in 'beta' form and still under development while others may be supported. Recent Lab items included a browser search extension and a mobile version of the catalog.

We would like for you to play with them and tell us what you think! Is the tool useful? What are the bugs and problems you found using it? What works well? What doesn't work?

Have you created a tool, gadget, plug-in, browser extension to help manage your personal information access to and management? Are you willing to share with the community through OSU Library Labs? If so, we would love to showcase your work! Such submissions simply need to focus on tools which facilitate information access and management. If that information includes services and resources provided by OSU Libraries, then all the better! In addition to showcasing your tool we will pass along any feedback that we receive.

Operation Feed, through May 15: The University Libraries will be doing its part to help alleviate hunger-related issues by participating in Operation Feed. For each day of the week we will dedicate ourselves to providing a certain type of food. We will accept any donation of food regardless of the type and your donations of cash are always welcomed.

You can drop off your canned goods at any Library location in the designated Operation Feed boxes. Monetary donations can given online at www.midohiofoodbank.org or to Beth Mastin (Ackerman Library), Mary Neno (Sullivant Library) or Anne Fields (Science & Engineering Library). Make checks payable to: Operation Feed. The last day for donating will be this Friday, May 8.



Content Management System training sessions, May 12, 14, 20, 22, Science and Engineering Library, Room 390: These are going to be general training sessions to help everyone learn how to use the new system to enter their web page content, regardless of the page type or location in the web site. We will be presenting more specialized sessions later, but these will be applicable for everyone. Please go [here](#) and fill out the form to sign up. Seating is limited to 18, so sign up as soon as possible.

- Tuesday May 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Thursday May 14, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday May 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Friday May 22, 1-3 p.m.

Please review the overview documents in the Website Content Kit prior to the training session. If you have questions after you read these documents, either bring your questions to the session, or drop a LIPP team member a line and we'll be happy to talk.

All of the training will be done at the Science and Engineering Library, Room 390. These will be hands-on in a development environment, so bring some content to enter (on a flash drive, from links to your existing web pages or handwritten) and an idea of what you'd like to try. Participants will be able to create a simple web page after attending one of these sessions.

2009 Ohioana Book Festival, Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., State Library of Ohio, 274 E. First Ave., Columbus:



of the Ohioana Library Association, exists to showcase the talents of Ohio's authors, increase awareness of their contributions to the literary arts, and to celebrate and encourage the love of reading and writing.

Festival activities include: Author Readings, Panel Discussions, Children's Activities (everything from coloring to costumed characters), book and reading-related vendors from across Ohio, great food, and lots of fun.

Featured authors include Jaime Adoff, Phil Brady, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Ann Hagedorn, Peter Mansoor, Erin McCarthy/Erin Lynn, John Scalzi, Jeff Smith, R.L. Stine and Thrity Umrigar. For more information, see: [Ohioana Book Festival](#).

Register for Digital Union free tech tutorials: The Digital Union continues its series of hands-on technology tutorials for faculty, staff and students this spring. Learn about the newest tech tools for teaching, learning and research in workshops on Second Life, Cloud Computing, Streaming Media, Photoshop CS4 and more. Not sure what these are? Sign up for a free weekly workshops and we'll help you learn what the tools are, how they work, and their applications in the academic environment. Advanced registration required. [Register online](#) at digitalunion.osu.edu/workshops.

Date	Time	Title
May 11	1-3pm	What's New in Photoshop CS4
May 18	12:30-2:30pm	Cloud Computing: How to collaborate with the latest Google Tools
Jun 1	3-4pm	Carmen for Staff Management
Jun 8	1-2:30pm	ELI Webinar: Guiding the E-Researcher

University News



2009 Pelotonia Event: On average, every nine minutes one of our fellow Ohioans is diagnosed with cancer; and every 21 minutes, someone in our state dies from this dreaded disease. No doubt, your family-just like mine-has been touched by cancer in some way.



The dedicated cancer researchers, physicians, and caregivers at our Comprehensive Cancer Center and James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute are determined to reverse this trend. The James is already a Top 20 NCI-funded cancer program and a beacon of hope for countless cancer survivors, and we have set a goal to be a Top 10 program in the next 10 years. This goal gained great momentum last year when NetJets made the generous gift of \$12.5 million to create "Pelotonia," an annual bicycling experience from which 100 percent of the funds raised will benefit cancer research at Ohio State. In fact, a good portion of this year's proceeds will be used to fund cancer research training.

The first Pelotonia will take place in Columbus on August 28-30. I am excited to participate in so noble a venture. Cycling legend Lance Armstrong will serve as honorary chairman. I will be hosting five events in May at various locations on campus to encourage faculty, staff, and students to participate. I would like for you to join me at one or all of the following:

- Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m., Faculty Club Grand Lounge
- Friday, May 8, 8:30 a.m., Hitchcock Hall Conference Room
- Monday, May 11, Noon, Veterinary Medicine Auditorium
- Friday, May 15, 8:30 a.m., Recruiting Room, Ohio Stadium (enter through Gate 32)

To highlight the incredible work being done on our campus, we are working with campus leaders to coordinate leading cancer researchers to be featured at each event. Thank you, in advance, for coming together as One University.

-Gordon Gee

Know Your Numbers. Know Your Health: Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium Lobby, 452 W. 10th Ave., May 13, 7 a.m. - noon: Don't forget! There's a Biometric Super Screening Day right around the corner! Spread the word to faculty and staff about this special opportunity to make their health a priority by obtaining their health numbers. Faculty and staff can reserve their spot for the upcoming May 13 Super Screening Day at www.YourPlanForHealth.com by clicking on "Faculty/Staff Register for Screening."

People



Personnel Report *Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department*

Library Associate 2, Prior Health Sciences Library, Req # 344864, Replacement, 1 FTE

To comply with University procedures, employees applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NewsNotes Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:
www.jobs.osu.edu

Exhibits



Light: A Forgotten 19th Century Humor Magazine

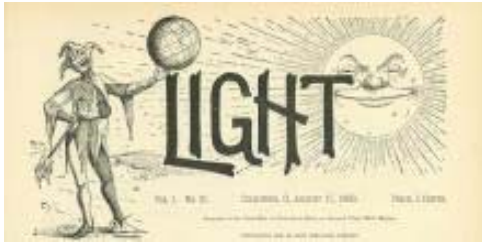
*Through May 31
Cartoon Library and Museum's Reading
Room Gallery*

Light was by far the most important of lithographic comic weekly to be published outside of New York or San Francisco during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It provided the first or early employment to a host of talented cartoonists, illustrators, and at least one writer who would later go on to successful careers. Those who contributed to *Light* included Will H. Bradley, W. W. Denslow, Frank Ladendorf, Ferand Lungren, Hy Mayer, Peter Newell, T. E. Powers, C. S. Rigby, and Horace Taylor. It also published the works of prominent New York cartoonists, such as Eugene Zimmerman and F. M. Howarth.

During its bumpy two-and-a-half year existence, the magazine's one constant was change: it changed its name, its place of publication, its size and appearance, and its owners, editors, and chief cartoonists. It began in Columbus in March 1889 as *The Owl*. It changed its name to *Light* in June and suspended publication in September. It was revived in Chicago in February of 1890, went full-color in May, increased its page size in September, and published its final issue in June 1891.

Why *Light* is unknown today is due to its rarity. Until recently, the Library of Congress held the only set and it is incomplete. For more than a century, the objects in this exhibition languished in the basement of the Chicago-area home owned by Philo C. Darrow, the magazine's art director and editor. The current owners of the home decided to sell the archive in early 2008 and the library acquired it shortly thereafter.

While some of the objects may be a bit worse for wear, the quality of both the original cartoons and the magazine itself is without question.



The exhibition *Light: A Forgotten 19th Century Humor Magazine* is co-curated by West and Lucy Shelton Caswell, Professor and Curator of the Cartoon Library & Museum.

The Sewer's Art: Quality, Fashion and Economy

Through June 27

*Gladys Keller Snowden Gallery
The Geraldine Schottenstein Wing,
Campbell Hall
1787 Neil Ave.*

The inspiration for this exhibition began with a visit from Susan Beall in 1997-98. She had sewn most of her clothing throughout her lifetime, beginning before her graduation from OSU's School of Home Economics in 1949. Susan kept a record of her sewing projects, including her inspirations, which patterns she used, swatches of the fabric she used and how much it cost, and subsequent alterations to the clothing. This made Gayle Strege think of Barbara Johnson's "Album of Styles and Fabrics."

Barbara Johnson was an 18th century lady who kept a record of fabrics used to make her clothing and how much the fabric cost, as well as contemporary illustrations of fashionable dress. The album spans 1746-1823 and is in the collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Susan Beall and felt her records were a 20th century version of the Barbara Johnson book, with one difference. Susan made her own wardrobe, whereas Barbara depended on dressmakers for hers.

Susan took that comment to heart, and proceeded to further organize and document her materials. She presented an installment collection of her exquisitely sewn wardrobe with her own album and swatches in 1999, followed by more garments in 2003.

Since 1999, the Historic Costume & Textiles Collection received additional donations of garments that were sewn by their wearers, but none that rival the quality of workmanship and style paired with an interesting life story such as the selections chosen for this exhibition. In addition to Susan Beall's impressive collection are garments made and worn by Dr. Ruth Ella Moore, Mary Heck, and Dr. Joyce Smith.

See the complete story on the Libraries' web site, library.osu.edu. For gallery hours and parking, call 292-3090 or see costume.osu.edu.